

**Art and Architectural Review Board
Minutes
May 5, 2017
The Branch Museum
2501 Monument Ave, Richmond, VA 23220**

1.0 ADMINISTRATION

- 10:00am 1.1 **CALL TO ORDER**
Sandy Bond, Calder Loth, Bob Mills, Burt Pinnock, Donna Tuten, Helen Wilson
- 1.2 **PUBLIC COMMENT**
AARB Meetings are open for public comment. Rules for public comment can be obtained from the Director, Division of Engineering and Buildings.
- 1.3 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
Motion: Mr. Bond
Second: Ms. Wilson
Recommend Approval of Minutes from April 7th meeting.
- 1.4 **OTHER BUSINESS**

2.0 CONSENT AGENDA

- 10:10am 2.1 **VA Tech - Demolition – Monteith Hall, Blacksburg**
- 2.2 **VA Tech - Demolition – Thomas Hall, Blacksburg**
- 2.3 **VA Tech - Demolition – Price Fork Research Center -Kaiser Aluminum Building, Structural Lab & Office Building, EUS Structural Lab Annex, Blacksburg**
- 2.4 **Virginia Tech – Athletics Facilities Improvements – Landscape Plan - Rector House Field, Blacksburg Campus -**
****Previously reviewed at November 2016. Board requested a landscape plan.***
- 2.5 **VA Tech – Baseball Facilities Improvements, Blacksburg**
****Previously reviewed at October 2016. This is a submission of the landscape plan.***
- 2.6 **UVA – Corner Building – New Window Openings, Charlottesville**
The three new windows will be rectangular in nature located in the east elevation, short wall above the flat roof. This alteration on the east elevation will have minimal effect on the character of the building and the adjacent landscape. The elevation where the windows will be placed is seen from the 4th and 5th levels of a parking deck a few blocks away. Otherwise the area is not visible from the street or local businesses.

- 2.7 Longwood University – Landscaping Maintenance Building – Farmville, VA**
The facility is an in-kind replacement to the former Golf Cart Shed that was totally lost in a recent fire. The new facility is being built in the same location, on the same existing building slab, as the former facility, adjacent to the golf course. The facility is a single story, wood framed construction with metal siding and roofing. The total footprint is 72'-0 x 32'-0". The facility will be used to house landscaping equipment.
- 2.8 UVA – Old Ivy Road Demolitions - Charlottesville**
The three structures to be demolished are being re-built at other sites. Their demolition is necessary for the construction of the Old Ivy Office Building, approved by the AARB at the January 2017 meeting.
- 2.9 VCCS – VA Highlands Community College – Communications Tower- Abingdon**

Approval of consent items 2.1 through 2.9.

Motion: Mr. Bond

Second: Ms. Tuten

***Ms. Wilson recused from item 2.6 and 2.8**

3.0 PROJECT REVIEWS

- 3.1 VCCS - Lord Fairfax Community College – Eleanor C & William Hazel Academic Building – Fauquier Campus**

***Previously submitted September 2016 with the following comments:**

Comments: Consider extending seat wall to plaza edge, eliminating grass strip. Reconsider number of sloped roofs and overall roof profiles in general. Sloped roof used best in signifying entry. Consider toning down the colored panels on right wing and simplifying window paneling. Consider making/extending parapet on southwest wall. Consider use of landscape grasses that require less maintenance.

Motion: Mr. Pinnock

Second: Mr. Mills

Conceptual approval. Agency to return with further developed design concepts and selected materials.

Agency Response to comments:

Landscape - The seat wall of the amphitheater has been shifted to meet paved surfaces. No grass is between seat wall and paved surfaces. Meadow mix has been removed from the project. Pedestrian path corners have been detailed to avoid any sharp corners.

Building - Flat roof was studied. As a visitor approaches the campus along College Street, this portion of the building will be the first element they see. This roof does not compete with the Lobby roof, because they are not in the same field of view. Color glass on the North Façade has been eliminated. Accent Color metal panels have been eliminated from the North Façade, creating a more aesthetically pleasing design to help resolve the busy nature of

the façade. Additional block was added, reducing the size of the curtain wall at the southwest corner of the building, to provide more mass at the parapet.

Motion: Mr. Bond

Second: Ms. Tuten

Final approval as submitted.

3.2 Radford University – Reed & Curie Halls Renovation, Radford

Reed and Curie Halls serve as the primary circulation and ADA accessible route from main campus to the entire College of Science and Technology (CSAT) complex. The new addition provides multiple key improvements to accommodate this volume of pedestrian traffic:

- Creates a widened, more direct circulation spine through Reed and Curie Halls.
- Eliminates a circulatory choke point at the primary entry at Reed Hall to the CSAT complex from the main campus.
- Establishes a cohesive link to the recently-completed Center for the Sciences building.
- Creates shared collaboration space to promote informal interaction between students and faculty adjacent to the primary circulation path.
- All of these improvements are enhancements to the overall basic building infrastructure and functions, and add only minimal increases to program spaces.

Comments: Consider changing terrace to a courtyard. Suggest proposed glass match existing glass.

Motion: Ms. Wilson

Second: Mr. Bond

Final approval as submitted.

3.3 JMU – New Convocation Center and East Campus Parking Deck, Harrisonburg

The project's materials and colors will take their cues from adjacent and nearby buildings located on the CISAT campus. The colors and styles of the new building and parking deck will complement the existing surrounding dining hall and dormitories. These 2 new structures will utilize the four basic exterior elements that have now defined the material palette for this campus, which are a white ground face CMU water table and precast elements, a buff brick, white metal composite panels and clear low-e glazing. The shape of the Convocation Center is directly related to the predominate feature which is the configuration of the seating bowl as this element is the largest volume that is extracted up beyond the surrounding required elements. The bowl will be wrapped in metal panels and the base at pedestrian level will incorporate the ground face CMU, brick veneer and curtain wall. The deck due to the large footprint has been set as a back drop using campus materials in a simple horizontal banded form. The simplicity is used as to not draw attention to the deck, but allow the Convocation Center to be the focus.

Comments: Landscape of plaza will be important; consider using it to shield parking deck. Consider developing green space next to parking deck on future development site. Consider using landscaping to make arena appear

more approachable and scaled to location and mitigate mass. Examine integrating and using alternative materials instead of all metal panels on the upper bowl. Consider pedestrian and vehicular traffic flow surrounding area. Consider position/placement of tower across from the site.

Motion: Mr. Pinnock

Second: Mr. Bond

Conceptual approval. Agency to return with view sheds, site sections, materials and site sections.

3.4 DBHDS - Western State Hospital Expansion – Staunton

This project is a two story, 52,000 square foot addition to the existing hospital, and shall accommodate 56 additional behavioral patient beds and associated support and group room space. The patient bed units are of a consistent design with the existing patient units. The exterior materials shall be consistent with the existing hospital, which was completed construction less than three years ago. Vehicular and pedestrian flow on the site will be unchanged. An outdoor courtyard to be utilized by patients will be created with the new construction.

Comments: Considering developing a courtyard in the future.

Motion: Mr. Bond

Second: Ms. Wilson

Final approval as submitted.

4.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Next AARB Meeting is Friday, June 2, 2017.

5.0 MEETING ADJOURNED

Minutes Approved as AARB
Advice and Counsel:


Robert S. Mills, FAIA, CID
Chairman
Art and Architectural Review Board

6/2/17
Date

Approved as the
Governor's Designee:


Christopher L. Beschler
Director
Department of General Services

6-9-2017
Date